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Application of:

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DEVICE FOR SEIZING OF FLAT MATERIAL

ON A TRANSPORTING SURFACE

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

December 14, 2001

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97, Applicant hereby makes of record the documents listed on the accompanying PTO-1449 Forms (2 pages) for consideration by the Examiner in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. While the references are being submitted herewith some or all may not qualify as prior art under the U.S. patent laws.

This Information Disclosure Statement is filed under 37 C.F.R. §1.97 (c)(2).

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I hereby certify that this correspondence and/or documents referred to as attached therein and / or fee are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as "first class mail" in an envelope addressed to "Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231" on December 14, 2001.

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Herewith respectfully submitted is a check in the amount of \$180.00 in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (p).

In the event any additional fee is due in connection with this response or if any fee has been overpaid, the deficiency or overpayment should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-0552.

It is respectfully requested that the references cited in the accompanying PTO-1449 form be considered and made of record. It is respectfully submitted that the pending claims are patentable over all of the references made of record at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

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